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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to assess the suitability of horses for specific uses, and defines the standard required to identify horse conformation, assess soundness and temperament of horses, and maintain accurate data documentation.

The unit applies to individuals who work under broad direction, taking responsibility for their own work. They complete routine activities and work in a range of known contexts within horse breeding and other horse industry environments.

No occupational licensing or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Work health and safety and animal welfare legislation relevant to interacting with horses applies to workers in this industry. Requirements vary between industry sectors and state/territory jurisdictions. Users are advised to check with the relevant authority for specific requirements.

NOTE: The terms ‘occupational health and safety’ (OHS) and ‘work health and safety’ (WHS) generally have the same meaning in the workplace. In jurisdictions where the national model WHS legislation has not been implemented, RTOs must contextualise the unit of competency by referring to current OHS legislative requirements.

Pre-requisite Unit

Prerequisite unit of competency for this unit is:

- ACMEQU202 Handle horses safely.

Note the following chain of prerequisites that also applies to this unit.

Unit of competency	Prerequisite requirement
ACMEQU202 Handle horses safely	ACMEQU205 Apply knowledge of horse behaviour

Unit Sector

Horse Breeding (HBR)

Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements	Performance Criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Assess horse conformation	1.1 Observe horse body language and behaviour to identify potential safety risks prior to approaching individual horses 1.2 Determine conformation requirements for specific use of a horse 1.3 Evaluate the conformation of a horse using relevant horse sector criteria and practices 1.4 Report on the desirable conformation of a horse
2. Report on unsoundness and blemishes in the horse	2.1 Examine the horse for unsoundness and blemishes using safe horse handling techniques 2.2 Observe unsoundness and report blemishes detected, including those on the fore and hind limbs and hooves, and assess level of effect for specific use
3. Report on the way of going of horses	3.1 Evaluate and report on essential elements of the way of going of the horse 3.2 Assess and report on the natural gaits of the horse 3.3 Detect and report defects in the way of going of the horse, including lameness
4. Report on the undesirable vices and habits of horses	4.1 Observe and determine any behavioural issues the horse has that could pose a workplace risk 4.2 Report behavioural issues that may be hazardous to people and other horses, according to workplace practices
5. Evaluate overall suitability of the horse for specific uses	5.1 Identify the horse characteristics needed for a specific use 5.2 Analyse findings from examining and observing individual horses to determine suitability for the specified use 5.3 Identify breed of horse and determine the effect this may have on suitability for use 5.4 Report on the findings of horse suitability for specific uses using correct concepts and horse industry terminology

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Writing	Record data and observations in workplace forms accurately and legibly
Numeracy	Estimate, calculate and record measurements relating to assessing a horse
Oral communication	- Use active listening and questioning techniques to clarify and confirm requirements - Use clear language suitable for intended audience to ensure clarity of meaning when reporting and giving reasons for findings to others
Navigate the world of work	Take responsibility for following workplace procedures, including safe horse handling practices and animal welfare requirements, in own role and work area
Get the work done	Apply specialist knowledge to analyse assessment findings and make decisions about horse suitability; taking responsibility for decisions and the outcome of the assessment

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMHBR305 Assess suitability of horses for specific uses	AHCHBR307A Assess suitability of horses for stock work	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages Code and Title changed to reflect outcome and appropriate industry sector usage Changes to elements and performance criteria to clarify intent of unit Additional prerequisite requirements	No equivalent unit

Links

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Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency in this unit must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria of this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has assessed and reported on the suitability of at least three horses for specific uses, including:

- identifying each horse by colour, markings, sex, age and brands or microchips
- assessing horse conformation
- determining soundness and detecting blemishes in fore and hind limbs and hooves
- evaluating and reporting on the way of going of the horse, including:
 - evaluating horse gait
 - observing and detecting horse temperament, behavioural issues and vices
 - researching and identifying breeding or parentage of individual horse
 - maintaining appropriate records of horse viewed and assessed
 - making final assessment and reporting on findings of horse suitability both short- and long-term for specific use.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- desirable and undesirable conformations for specific uses
- common blemishes on fore and hind limbs and hooves
- common behavioural issues and vices in horses
- desirable and undesirable natural gaits
- process for determining characteristics needed for specific uses
- impact of breeding or parentage on individual horse suitability for a specific use
- factors that affect suitability of an individual horse for a specific use, including gender, class and age
- how the final assessment could affect value of horse

- horse industry terminology relevant to assessing horse suitability.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various live horses assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual to be assessed for suitability for specific uses
 - forms for recording and reporting horse suitability for a specific use
- specifications:
 - criteria for specific uses the horses are to be used for.

Training and assessment strategies must show evidence of the use of guidance provided in the *Companion Volume: User Guide: Safety in Equine Training*.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

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